

House Resolution 1000

By: Representative Porter of the 143rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of David E. Nordan; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of David E.
3 Nordan; and
- 4 WHEREAS, David E. Nordan was a journalist of national prominence who was greatly
5 admired by his peers; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he worked for more than a decade as a political editor and writer for the *Atlanta*
7 *Journal* and, during his notable career, he wrote many pieces concerning the Georgia General
8 Assembly as well as important national political issues facing our country; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was widely recognized in the journalism community as being one of the first
10 reporters to predict that President Jimmy Carter had a realistic chance of winning the
11 presidency, and he wrote a series of colorful and insightful accounts of President Carter's
12 successful campaign and his inauguration in 1977; and
- 13 WHEREAS, David E. Nordan also made important contributions to many local publications,
14 including *Atlanta Magazine* and the *Gwinnett Daily News*; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in addition to his acclaimed political reporting, as a native of rural North
16 Carolina with a deep love for the Appalachian Mountains, he wrote evocative magazine and
17 newspaper articles about life in the South; and
- 18 WHEREAS, later in life, he passed along his experiences and insights about journalism and
19 the craft of writing through his work as an instructor at several Georgia colleges; and
- 20 WHEREAS, his love for journalism was only surpassed by his love for his two wonderful
21 daughters, Liz and Kelly; and

1 WHEREAS, David E. Nordan was an honorable gentleman, a true scholar, a talented and
2 outspoken journalist, and a good friend to many, and he will be sorely missed by all who
3 knew him; and

4 WHEREAS, it is said that there is no better eulogy for a journalist than to say he was a great
5 reporter, and David E. Nordan was a great reporter.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body join in honoring the life of David E. Nordan, remembering him for
8 the many contributions he made to the citizens of this state, and expressing their sincere
9 sorrow at his passing.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of David E.
12 Nordan.